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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q66747

Roland BERNARD, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/981,743

Group Art Unit: 3753

Confirmation No.: 6128

Examiner: John A. RIVELL

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONDITIONING THE ATMOSPHERE IN A
PROCESS CHAMBER

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 24, 2005 to March 24, 2006.

A check for the statutory fee of \$450.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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